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Appl. No. : 10/644,608

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Applicants : Robert B. Koenig and William Wekell

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Attorney Docket No.: 501260.01

Art Unit : 2833

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Gary F. Paumen

Title : LATCHING MEDICAL PATIENT PARAMETER SAFETY CONNECTOR AND  
METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Respectfully submitted,

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- Form PTO-1449

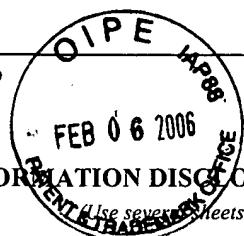
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA	4,079,343	03/14/78	Nijman	333	183	
AB	4,329,665	05/11/82	Kawai et al.	333	182	
AC	4,473,755	09/25/84	Imai et al.	307	10.1	
AD	4,639,061	01/27/87	Muzslay	439	587	
AE	4,707,048	11/17/87	Gliha et al.	439	620	
AF	4,784,618	11/15/88	Sakamoto et al.	439	620	
AG	5,161,996	11/10/92	Locati	439	374	
AH	5,282,757	02/01/94	Maeda	439	374	
AI	5,496,190	03/05/96	Ittah et al.	439	354	
AJ	5,562,498	10/08/96	Bradenburg et al.	439	620	
AK	5,830,016	11/03/98	Chuang	439	620	
AL	5,842,888	12/01/98	Belopolsky	439	620	
AM	6,022,246	02/08/00	Ko	439	680	
AN	6,027,359	02/22/00	Aoki et al.	439	357	
AO	6,050,850	04/18/00	Crane et al.	439	569	
AP	6,159,049	12/12/00	Schramme et al.	439	620	
AQ	6,203,353	03/20/01	Huang et al.	439	352	
AR	6,302,744	10/16/01	Nomura	439	680	
AS	6,334,794	01/01/02	Crane et al.	439	680	
AT	6,364,718	04/02/02	Polgar et al.	439	352	
AU	6,467,165	10/22/02	Glynn	29	876	
AV	6,746,284	06/08/04	Spink, Jr.	439	740	

EXAMINER

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 Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

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**Extra Claim Fees**

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	20	=	\$	\$ 0
Ind.	3	=	\$	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims		x	\$	\$
<b>Subtotal (Extra Claims)</b>				<b>\$ 0</b>

**Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)**

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)	Fee \$400	Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
§ 1.53(e) § 1.57(a) § 1.182 § 1.183 § 1.378(e) § 1.174(b)	to accord a filing date. to accord a filing date. for decision on a question not provided for. to suspend the rules. for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent. to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of patent term.	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
		130	65	Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
		180	180	Submission of IDS	\$180
		40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
		120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
		450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
		1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
		1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
		2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
		790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
		500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
		500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
		1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
		130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
		800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
		790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
		130	250	Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
		500	250	Petition to Revive – unavoidable	\$
		1,500	750	Petition to Revive – unintentional	\$
		200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
		400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
		1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$
	OTHER FEE (specify)			Subtotal (Additional Fees)	\$180
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